

MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2019

The Middletown Town Council met in the Public Meeting Room at 653 Locust Street, Middletown, Indiana at 7:00 P.M. Council Members Dan Fountain, Dick Schwalm, Jake Smith, Donita Chambless, and Gary Kendall were present. Clerk-Treasurer Drew Cooper was present. Town Attorney Joel Harvey was present.

1. Donita Chambless moved to retain Town Council President Jake Smith for 2019. Dan Fountain seconded. Donita Chambless, Dan Fountain, Gary Kendall, and Jake Smith voted yes. Dick Schwalm voted no. The motion passed.
2. Betsy Mills gave a presentation on wind energy in Henry County. The Clerk-Treasurer read ORDINANCE 2019-1 WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS, an ordinance prohibiting construction of wind turbines within four miles of town limits. Dan Fountain moved to pass the ordinance on its first reading. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Drew Cooper, Gary Kendall, and Dick Schwalm turned in Conflict of Interest Forms.
4. The Clerk-Treasurer presented the annual financial report and annual investment report to the council.
5. Former Utilities Superintendent Tracy Harrison requested the council look again at her claim for back pay based on certification she had for water treatment. She also inquired on the status of an invoice she submitted for emergency work she performed at the water treatment plant. The Clerk-Treasurer said he would re-email the information on back pay to all the current town council members and would also report back to Harrison on the submitted invoice.
6. Matt Spidel, of Butler-Fairman-Seufert (BFS), reported that OCRA has extended the deadline for completing the bid process on the Sewer Plant Update Project to April 30, 2019. Spidel will forward the forms for applying for a gap loan of \$75,000 from the Bond Bank to the Clerk-Treasurer.
7. A representative from Eco Infrastructure gave a presentation on sewer pipe lining.
8. The Utilities Superintendent presented a list of streets to pave in 2019, along with estimated costs supplied by E&B Paving. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to apply for a Communities Crossing Grant from INDOT for all the streets listed except item number 2 (Congress Street from 14th to 13th), the estimated total cost being approximately \$300,000. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Dan Fountain moved to authorize BFS to advertise for bids on the paving of 8th and 10th Streets, as specified in the INDOT Communities Crossing Grant of 2018. Donita Chambless seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Donita Chambless moved to authorize the Utilities Superintendent to hire Quality Repair to replace the pump at the lift-station on West Locust Street for a cost of approximately \$23,000, to be paid from the Storm Water Capital Reserve Fund. Dick Schwalm seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Dan Fountain moved to authorize the Utilities Superintendent to make a handicap parking spot at the corner of 10th and Locust Streets. Gary Kendall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
12. The Utilities Superintendent reported there was no new progress on the repairs to the sewer main on 10th Street. The council requested that the Clerk-Treasurer present financing options for \$100,000 at the next meeting.

